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LOCAL CALL RATE BETWEEN DELHI TO MUMBAI
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited (MTNL) has recently extended the facility to make call to Mumbai at a cost of only Re. 1.00 from PCOs and STD booths;

(b) if so, whether this facility is likely to benefit the mobile phone subscribers also;

(c) if so, whether the upgradation and development of this facility may cause extra load on the telephone and mobile services;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether teams of experts have been constituted to review the quality of the services and regular services being offered by MTNL and BSNL to their subscribers; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a) Yes, Sir.MTNL Delhi has provided the facility of making a call from Delhi to MTNL Mumbai landline, Coded Division Multiple Access (CDMA) mobile and Fixed Wireless Terminals (FWT) only.

This facility is provided at the rate Re.1 per minute from Delhi's local landline Public Call Office (PCO) and Rs.1.20 per minute from Delhi's landline STD PCO.

This facility is provided from local FWT prepaid PCO to MTNL Mumbai network at the rate of Re.1 per minute. For STD PCO, the call rate is Rs.1.20 per minute.

(b) Yes, Sir.This facility will benefit CDMA FWT and mobile subscribers.

(c) & (d) The circuits/bandwidth between Delhi and Mumbai is adequately provided to handle the traffic.

(e) & (f) Yes, Sir.The services are monitored regularly by MTNL/BSNL and on quarterly basis by Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI).